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**Town of Vernon
Conservation Commission Meeting
Approved Minutes
Monday, March 20, 2017
7:00pm
Probate Conference Room, First Floor
Vernon Town Hall, 14 Park Place Rockville - Vernon, CT**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:22 pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present were Commission members James Simon and Richard Clark
Staff Present: Town Planner Marina Rodriguez
Recording Secretary: Kathleen Minor

2. Administrative Actions

A. Acceptance of minutes of February 13, 2017

A motion to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting was made by Chairman Ryan Goad. It was seconded by Richard Clark and passed unanimously.

B. Communications Received

- A draft letter dated February 27, 2017 was sent to Commission members by Commissioner Ryan Goad with comments about IWC-2017-01 for review
- A copy of the letter dated February 22, 2017 from Mayor Champagne to recent Conservation Commission appointment

C. Letters sent by Conservation Commission Last Month

- None

D. Organizational Considerations

- Town Council approved the appointment of Jason Seacat to this Commission.

E. Annual Meeting Schedule

- Item to be removed – meeting schedule has been submitted

3. Open Space Program Update

- Nothing was presented by Open Space Task Force

4. New Business

A. Application Review and Comments

Application [IWC-2017-01] of Hyde Park LLC for a Wetlands Permit to conduct activities in a wetlands area at #14 Hyde Ave. (Assessor's ID: Map#46, Block #0071, Lot/Parcel #00019).

- Town Planner Rodriguez informed the Commission that the Applicant has asked for an extension, therefore comments regarding this application will now be required prior to the April 25, 2017 Inland Wetlands Commission meeting. After discussion, Chairman Ryan Goad will modify a draft of the comments that will be presented at the next Conservation meeting on April 17, 2017 for final review.

B. Natural Resources Update

Bolton Lakes Issues

- Nothing to report

Future Activities

- The Commission discussed the upcoming Vernon Holistic Healthfest at Vernon Center Middle School on Saturday March 25 and Sunday March 26 from 10am-4pm. There will be a display table with information the Commission, recruitment and various pamphlets and literature related. Discussion took place on who will represent the Commission, set up and break down display, etc.

5. Other Goals

- Continued recruitment efforts to the Commission

6. Adjournment

Richard Clark motioned to adjourn the meeting. James Simon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Minor
Recording Secretary